

# **Geo-Enabled Elections**

A Critical Component of Election Modernization

An update on the Geo-Enabled Elections project

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**HELLO!** 

I am happy to be here with you today.

**Activities** 

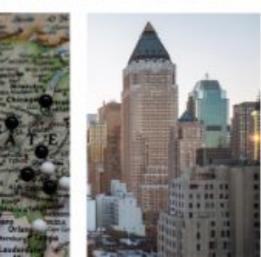
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**Learnings** What did we learn over the last year?

What is next What can you expect in the next four months from the Geo-Enabled Elections project?











# **Right Ballot to Right Voter**

An opportunity to make every vote count

# Activities

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## **Geo-Enabled Elections Webinar Series**

- June 2020: Adapting Election Strategies to the Post COVID-19 World
- September 2020: Data Accuracy and Cybersecurity for the 2020 Election
- June 2021: Redistricting in 2021 Get Prepared with GIS





## **Geo-Enabled Elections Trainings**

- Anytime, anywhere
- Free, five self-paced courses
- Based on NSGIC Five Best Practices for integrating GIS into elections





# **Geo-Enabling Elections**

Strengthening election systems with GIS



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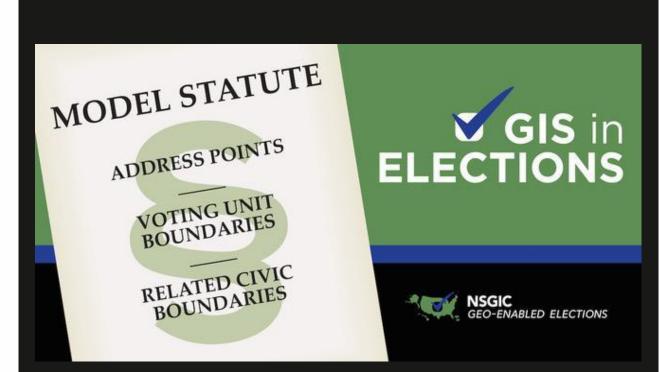


## **Geo-Enabled Elections Advocacy Toolkit**

- Building Statutory Language to Advance GIS in Elections
- The network that makes it possible:
  Important relationships for state election directors
- Passing Geo-Enabled Elections Legislation:

A conversation with New Jersey Assemblyman, Andrew Zwicker

- Readiness assessment: Is your state ready to pass Geo-Enabled Elections Legislation?
- And more.





## **Geo-Enabled Elections Pilot Projects**

- 12 pilot projects
- Project work:
  - Relationship building
  - County prototypes
  - Spatial data audits
  - Geocoding
  - Election boundary management

## Pilot program PILOT STUDY STATES Kentucky, 2019 Minnesota, 2019, 2020, and 2021 Nebraska, 2019 Pennsylvania, 2019 West Virginia, 2019 Oregon, 2020 and 2021 Arkansas, 2020

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#### CASE STUDY STATES

Hawaii North Carolina Utah Washington Wisconsin Maricopa County, Arizona Marion County, Florida Inyo County, California Riverside County, California Calaveras County, California

# Learnings

What did we learn over the last year?







#### NACo ASSOCIATION COUNTIES





## **Geo-Enabled Elections Relationships**



"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller



## Learnings

- The GIO or equivalent is an important partner of a state election director.
- State election directors are more aware of GIS and see the value of the technology for election data management and administration.
- States are budgeting for geo-enabled elections.
- NSGIC is a trusted source for integrating GIS and elections.
- Voter Registration Systems must be built on geographic information systems.



# What is next?

What can you expect in the next four months from the Geo-Enabled Elections project?





- June 2021 State Election Director Survey results
- 2021 Pilot Project Summary
- Third Annual Elections GeoSummit
- Phase Two Report
- Continue this important work!

### My participation in the Geo-Enabled Elections Project

has strengthened my resolve to continue leveraging GIS technology in elections administration, and GIS modernization efforts to help reinforce dynamic relationships with other government stakeholders who directly and indirectly impact elections administration.

- Veronica Degraffenreid

Acting Secretary of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



# Thank You!

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